

See you at the Lotus Festival!

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 [Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember, 13th District](#)

Friend --

The Lotus Festival, one of the signature cultural celebrations in the City of Los Angeles, is returning this weekend to Echo Park Lake.

I will officially kick-off the 36th annual event on **Friday, July 8, 7-9 p.m.**, on the main lawn of Echo Park Lake, with a free program that will feature performances by two local artists: **Carla Rigolin Hassett** and the band **I See Hawks in LA**.

On **Saturday, July 9, 12 to 9 p.m., and Sunday, July 10, 12 to 8 p.m.**, attendees will see the return of the popular dragon boat races on the historic lake all while participating in arts and crafts, enjoying food and music, and taking in the sights of the beautiful lotus flower beds that are in full bloom.

The event made its debut in 1972 as the 'Day of the Lotus.' The weekend-long festival takes place in July when the lotus blooms are being cultivated in the lake beds by city crews. The festivities are designed to bring awareness to the contributions of Asian-Americans to Los Angeles, and this year we will honor the culture and traditions of the Republic of Korea!

As Chair of the *Arts, Parks, and LA River Committee*, I am extremely proud of the fact that one of the premiere cultural events in the City of Los Angeles takes place at one of our iconic parks. I am thrilled the Lotus Festival is back and better than ever as more people experience one of the great public spaces in the City of Angels.

See you at the festival!

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Mitch O'Farrell

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## COMING UP

FRI 7/8 [LOTUS FESTIVAL KICK OFF EVENT FEATURING AN EVENING OF MUSIC](#)

SAT/SUN 7/9-7/10 [36TH ANNUAL LOTUS FESTIVAL AT ECHO PARK LAKE](#)

SAT 7/23 [LA SKINS MUSICAL FEST AT THE FROGSPOT](#)

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